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Bean Commission. I would urge your acceptance and ask that the record vote take place on this appointment. Thank you.

SENATOR KIEL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'm a member of the Agriculture Committee and this was one of the best presentations we had for a confirmation. As a matter of fact, I would like to ask Senator Dierks a question before I proceed.

SENATOR KIEL: Senator Dierks, would you yield?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Dierks, isn't this the hearing where Senator Wickersham spoke?

SENATOR DIERKS: Exactly right. Senator Wickersham represented Mr. Howell at the hearing. Because of the distance for Mr. Howell to make, why, Senator Wickersham did that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, Senator Wickersham was so effective that before we even went into exec session, I had made the motion that we confirm Senator Wickersham or send his name on out here. Then I found out he was speaking for an individual, and if it were not for this ongoing protest, I would make an exception in this case, but my no vote has nothing to do with the qualifications of this gentleman, and Senator Wickersham made it very clear from his presentation that he is eminently qualified for this position. Unfortunately, I must vote no as I have done throughout the session.

SENATOR KIEL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Seeing no further lights, Senator Dierks waives closing. The question is...oh, you do want to speak. I'm sorry, Senator Dierks, go ahead.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes. I just wanted to tell you that Mr. Howell represents, he is a producer representative from the District 1 of the Dry Bean Commission. And I wanted to tell you also that we...we did something a little bit differently than I have